the employees of MTNL and to remove the alledged corruption among the linemen and others?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Telecommunication Engineering Service Association (TESA) and Junior —Delhi Units had given notice to MTNL, New Delhi to launch an agitation against indiscipline by a certain section of staff of Janakpuri Telephone Exchange. There was no specific allegation of corruption against linemen|regular mazdoors.

(b) The details of demands contained in their notices dt. 13.10.93 and 19.10.93 are given as under—

(i) Immediate punishment to the miscreant elements of the staff who were recently suspended by the field Officers at Janakpuri.

(ii) Immediate cancellation of the transfer orders of the Officers who were declared unwanted.

(iii) Immediate withdrawal of fabricated cases against JTOs of Houz Khas exchange.

(iv) Immediate Implementation| settlement of the issues pertaining to the JTOs|AEs|DEs pending with the administration since long.

(c) The MTNL Administration discured the demands referred in (b) above with the representatives of TESAI|-TOA as a result of which the agitation was called off on 2-11-93.

MTNL, New Delhi has a Vigilance Cell working under the charge of a senior Officer. All complaints of corruptpion are duly enquired into and action as contemplated under the rules is taken in all such cases.

Non-Utilization of full capacity of Calcutta Telecom Factory

426. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleaed to state:

(a) whether the Telecom Factory, Calcutta is not being allowed to utilise its full capacity;

(b) whether the dearth of work order and job is ikely to lead to virtual closure of the factory; and

(c) if so, what are the facts and reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. However it is true that the demand of conventional items which were previously being manufactured in Telecom Factory, Calcutta has come down due to changing Telecom Technology leading to surplus man-power.

A number of new items like Masts and Tpbular Towers, Power Plants MDFs for C-DOT exchange etc. have been allotted to Telecom Factory Calcutta and surplus man-power is being retrained and re-deployed.

Winding up of Telecom Department as part of new Telecom Policy

427. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA:

SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated action to wind up the Department of Telecommunications as par of the new telecom policy.

(b) if so, whether by such efforts a large number of employees are likely to be dislocated;